श्री सुब्रहमण्यम स्वामी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारा कर्त्तव्य है कि इसमे हम संतुलन रखे और निर्यात भी करें और देश की आवश्यकताओ को पूरा कैसे करें उस पर हम विचार कर रहे है । लेकिन उनका जो दूसरा प्रश्न है उसका माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी ही जवाब दे सकते है, मैं नही दे सकता हू ।

श्री मोहम्मद अमीन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके जरिये मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हू कि कभी-कभी अखबारो मे यह खबर पढने को आती है कि एयरपोर्ट पर या सडक स्मगल्ड किया गया सोना पकडा गया । अक्सर यह खबर आती है और लोग अरैस्ट भी होते है । इस स्मगल किए हुए सोने का धधा बहुत बडे पैमाने पर भारत मे चल रहा है । तो क्या सरकार अब तक किसी ऐसे गैंग का सुराग लगा सकी है ?

श्री सुब्रहमण्यम स्वामी : यह सवाल भी प्रश्न 104 के अंतर्गत आता है इसलिए वित्त मत्री जी ही इसका जवाब दे सकते है ।

श्री सभापति : स्मगलर्स को पकडना वित्त मंत्री का काम है, इनका नही है ।

*102 [*The questioner (Shri Santosh Bagrodia) was absent For answer,* vide *col* 33-34 infra]

Setting up of an Institute of Coffee Technology

*103 SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up an Institute of Coffee Technology and also to amend the Coffee Act of 1942, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) and (b) An idea of establishing a Centre for Advanced Coffee Technology, as a joint venture involving the Centre for Technology Development, the Coffee Board, Government of India and coffee related industries has been mooted and in this regard the Government has no proposal for the amendment of the Coffee Act

SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT. Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state how much coffee is produced in the country during the last two years and what is the export during the last two years?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY The supplementary does not arise from this question. This relates to the proposal to set up an Institute of Coffee Technology. If he gives me a separate notice, I will be happy to give him the statistics.

MR. CHAIRMAN He is asking for production of coffee. What will your Institute do? What for are you having this Institute?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY. It is a question from you, not from him.

MR. CHAIRMAN. How it will be produced, how it can be sold, these are related questions.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY. It is a question from you and in reply to your question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not my question.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is because he has not asked that question.

MR. CHAIRMAN I permitted him to put a supplementary and you took my job and you said that it does not arise. So, I made it clear that it does arise.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY His amended supplementary I will answer as follows:

A centre for advanced coffee technology has been mooted to carry out market-oriented applied research on coffee in the following fields

Post-harvest technology, development of advanced technology in coffee, roasting, grinding and packaging, coffee brewing technology, formulation of value-added coffee products and speciality coffees

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY· He has not answered the basic question about production and export.

MR. CHAIRMAN He has answered. He has said what the Institute will do He has said that the Institute will look into the jobs like roasting, packaging and all that

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY Production is the basic question. The Minister has to answer

MR. CHAIRMAN The Minister has to answer many things but here he is to answer the supplementary only.

SHRI V NARAYANASAMY It is relevant About production and export the Minister should say without even going through the records.

MR. CHAIRMAN Please take your seat. Are you putting another supplementary? Shri Ramachandran.

SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN Will this coffee technology institute which you have proposed involve promotion of production of coffee or mere promotion of marketing?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Sir, the object of this Institute is to suggest ways, how production can be improved and now efficient production can be made possible It will also be concerned with the marketing, processing and all other ramifications of coffee so that our coffee production can prosper.

Seizure of Gold Biscuits

*104 SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized gold biscuits worth Rs. 68 crores from the toilet of an aircraft of Singapore Airlines in New Delhi on the 7th December, 1990,

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(c) what action is contemplated against the persons apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence effected a seizure of 20 foreign marked gold slabs each weighing one kilogram approximately, collectively valued at Rs 69 lakhs approximately (not Rs 68 crores) from behind the Oxygen Mask Chamber of the Toilet No 'H' of Singapore Airlines flight No SQ—024 which had arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on 7th December, 1990 Seven persons have been arrested and investigations are in progress Action as provided under the law will be taken against them

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA· What is the total quantity of the gold seized in different airports of the country in the years 1989 and 1990 and what are the details?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The quantity in 1989 was 8215 kgs. of gold The quantity in 1990 was 5,475 kilograms of gold

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA Sir, my second supplementary would be, what is the allocation of the gold to the jewellery makers in this year?